other than Central Government offices, whenever such requests are received.

Law to Confiscate Property of corrupt public servants

2562. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission has recommended for a new law to confiscate property of corrupt public servant;

(b) the steps taken to enact Forfeiture of Properties Act when disproportionate wealth is found; and

(c) other punitive measures proposed in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCIES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (C) The Central Vigilance Commission has supported a proposal under consideration in the Law Commission which seeks to enact separate legislation for forfeiting the ill-gotten properties of public servants, their relatives and associates.

Uniform for Class-IV Staff

2563. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fifth Central Pay Commission had recommended to discontinue issuing uniforms to class-IV staff and in lieu thereof, payment of monthly maintenance allowance to them;

(b) if so, the decision thereon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that class-IV staff do not wear uniforms which is prerequisite for that purpose; and

(d) by when Government are going to stop this practice involving wasteful expenditure in Government offices for the purchase of uniform?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (d) As most of the employees in Administrative Offices were found not wearing uniforms while on duty, a reference was made to the Fifth Central Pay Commission to review the system of uniforms. Government is still to take a final view on the recommendations of the Commission to dicontinue uniforms for employees excepting *Security Staff, Police Personnel, Nurses, etc.*

Expert Committee Report on Pension System

2564. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee has recently submitted a report on pension system in India, if so, the details of the report and the constitution of the Committee;

(b) what action Government have taken on the report; and

(c) how far the proposal/suggestion of the Committee for renaming Public Provident Fund as Individual Retirement Account has found favour of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (c) An expert Committee headed by Dr. Surendra A. Dave with representatives from related Government Departments as well as the financial sector has recently submitted a report to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on devising a pension system for India. The report has made suggestion for rationalising the existing pension and provident fund schemes with a view to enhancing returns and customer's satisfaction. The report recommends inter-alia (a) limit early withdrawals; (b) deploy superior financial portfolio management and information systems, so as to obtain higher rate of returns, (c) expand the coverage of existing provident fund systems so as to reach more workers and (d) improve the customer service of the existing provident fund system. A